Five Selected quotes from the Wikiquote "Totalitarianism" page, followed by Four long quotes which were redacted.

The power of the Executive to cast a man into prison without formulating any charge known to the law, and particularly to deny him the judgment of his peers, is in the highest degree odious and is the foundation of all totalitarian government whether Nazi or Communist.

-Winston Churchill, as quoted in In The Highest Degree Odious : Detention Without Trial in Wartime Britain (1992), by A. W. B. Simpson

Societies such as ours that once had democratic traditions or periods when relative openness was possible are often the most easily seduced into totalitarian systems because those who rule and build totalitarian structures continue to pay outward fealty to the ideals, practices and forms of the old system.

-Chris Hedges, “Our Only Hope Will Come Through Rebellion,” 29th March 2014, 40:35

The long campaign against Julian and WikiLeaks is a window into the collapse of the rule of law, the rise of what the political philosopher Sheldon Wolin calls our system of "inverted totalitarianism," a form of totalitarianism that maintains the fictions of the old capitalist democracy, including its institutions, iconography, patriotic symbols and rhetoric, but internally has surrendered total control to the dictates of global corporations...

The criminal ruling class has all of us locked in its death grip. It cannot be reformed. It has abolished the rule of law. It obscures and falsifies the truth. It seeks the consolidation of its obscene wealth and power. And so, to quote the Queen of Hearts, metaphorically of course, I say, "Off with their heads."

-Chris Hedges, Revisiting the case of Julian Assange and the reality of the "rule of law", Salon (15 June 2021)

Every line of serious work that I have written since 1936 has been written, directly or indirectly, against totalitarianism and for democratic socialism, as I understand it. It seems to me nonsense, in a period like our own, to think that one can avoid writing of such subjects.

George Orwell, in "Why I Write," Gangrel (Summer 1946)

Totalitarianism … does not so much promise an age of faith as an age of schizophrenia. A society becomes totalitarian when its structure becomes flagrantly artificial: that is, when its ruling class has lost its function but succeeds in clinging to power by force or fraud. Such a society, no matter how long it persists, can never afford to become either tolerant or intellectually stable. It can never permit either the truthful recording of facts or the emotional sincerity that literary creation demands. But to be corrupted by totalitarianism one does not have to live in a totalitarian country. The mere prevalence of certain ideas can spread a kind of poison that makes one subject after another impossible for literary purposes. Wherever there is an enforced orthodoxy — or even two orthodoxies, as often happens — good writing stops. This was well illustrated by the Spanish civil war. To many English intellectuals the war was a deeply moving experience, but not an

experience about which they could write sincerely. There were only two things that you were allowed to say, and both of them were palpable lies: as a result, the war produced acres of print but almost nothing worth reading.

-George Orwell, in The Prevention of Literature (1946)

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Four Long quotations Removed from the Wikiquote "Totalitarianism" page in April 2023, with no discussion

What is the best way to debunk a conspiracy theory? Call it a conspiracy theory, a label which in and of itself implies disbelief. The only problem with that is there have been many actual conspiracies both historically and currently and many of them are not in the least theoretical in nature. Conspiracies of several kinds brought about American participation in both world wars.... Given the multiple crises currently being experienced in the United States it is perhaps inevitable that speculation about conspiracies is at its highest level ever. To the average American it is incomprehensible how the country has become so screwed up because the political and economic elite is fundamentally incompetent, so the search for a scapegoat must go on...

-Philip Giraldi, in Some Conspiracy Theories Are for Real, Strategic Culture (July 2, 2020)

We are witnessing the end of three great totalitarianisms: political, economic, and eventually, religious. We have seen the beginning of the demise of political totalitarianism with the opening of the former Soviet Union... This has created an entirely new situation in the world, and has inspired other groups to try to emulate that gesture towards freedom. This is the beginning of the end of political totalitarianism....

Economic totalitarianism still has the world in its grip. The major exponents of this totalitarianism are the.. industrialized nations with the United States at their head. The developed countries usurp and greedily waste three-quarters of the world's food and 83 per cent of all other resources. The developing world, the so-called Third World, where almost three-quarters of the world's population lives, must make do with one quarter of the world's food and not more than 17 per cent of the rest of the world's resources. We cannot expect three-quarters of the world's population to put up with that situation for ever. This economic imbalance is leading the world to the verge of economic destruction.

-Benjamin Creme in Maitreya's Mission Vol. III, Share International Foundation p. 94/5 (July 1997)

The ending of religious totalitarianism... There is nothing wrong with religion itself — the fault is in those who administer the religions: the priests of different religions who impose their dogmatic beliefs on the people. That is totalitarianism. They even go so far as to tell people how to live and how not to live. For instance if you are a priest in the Catholic church you may not get married; in the Anglican church you can get married. The same is true of teaching on contraception. These are impositions. The evil [error] is in the imposition of the ideology, the belief structure.

-Ibid. p. 139 (July 1997)

RFK, Jr.’s banishment from Instagram is not just because he raises informed questions about vaccines, Bill Gates and Big Pharma, but because he suggests something more dangerous is afoot: the demise of democracy and the rise of a totalitarian order.... Just the other day The New York Times had this headline: “Robert Kennedy Jr. Barred From Instagram Over False Virus Claims.” Notice the lack of the word alleged before “false virus claims.” This is guilt by headline. It is a perfect piece of propaganda posing as reporting, since it accuses Kennedy, a brilliant and honorable man, of falsity and stupidity, thus justifying Instagram’s ban, and it is an inducement to further censorship of Mr. Kennedy by Facebook, Instagram’s parent company. That ban should follow soon, as the Times’ reporter Jennifer Jett hopes, since she accusingly writes that RFK, Jr. “makes many of the same baseless claims to more than 300,000 followers” on Facebook. Jett made sure her report also went to MSN.com and The Boston Globe. This is one example of the censorship underway with much, much more to follow. What was once done under the cover of omission is now done openly and brazenly, cheered on by those who, in an act of bad faith, claim to be upholders of the First Amendment and the importance of free debate in a democracy. We are quickly slipping into an unreal totalitarian social order.

-Edward Curtin in The Real Reason Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Is Being Censored, The Defender, (17 February 2021) https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/real-reason-robert-f-kennedy-jr-censored/